



**MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE
DEAF
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Meeting Minutes
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MEMBERS PRESENT: John Ertel,
Ph.D.; Sandra Harriman; Anjali Desai-
Margolin; E. Bernard Palmer; Barbara
Raimondo, Esq.; Carol Stevens; Laurie
Yaffe; Benjamin Bahan, Ph.D.; David
Severn, Esq.

MEMBERS ABSENT: David Birnbaum;
Cynthia Neese-Bailes, Ph.D.; Connie
Briscoe-Woodruff; William Bowman; H.
Mitchell Goldberg; Ernest Hairston, Ph.D.;
Charles Poyer; Robin Kittleman

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL:
Demetria Titus, Esq.

INTERPRETERS: Brenda Kelly-Frey;
Roberta Quinn.

President Raimondo called the meeting to
order at 9:09 a.m. Roll call was taken
bypassing around the roll call sheet.

President Raimondo welcomed Ms.
Roslyn Hannibal-Booker, recent Board of
Trustees nominee for Governor's
consideration.

President Raimondo also welcomed Ms.
Jennifer Montgomery, Mr. Tucker's new
executive associate.

The agenda and 11/07 minutes could not
be approved, quorum was not reached.

President's Report:

President Raimondo reported that she

received a letter from Governor O'Malley requesting information on MSD's Board of Trustees, which she provided. The Governor's office will be reviewing all State agencies Boards and their duties.

Vice President Report: No Report

Secretary's Report: No Report

Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Bowman was not present but sent the financial report to all Board members via email.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Tucker responded to the three questions posed by Mr. Bowman on his emailed financial report.

Mr. Tucker shared his appreciation for Anny Currin's dedication to the Board of Trustees over the past six years.

The Superintendent mentioned the overall tone of the General Assembly session has been positive. Mr. Tucker has met with members of the House and Senate, all having positive feedback for Maryland School for the Deaf. The two capital budget items are the Frederick Campus cafeteria and the Columbia Campus Athletic field and parking lot. They are still pending review.

Mr. Tucker was pleased to share the comparison of assessment test scores of MSD and Maryland counties. MSD did very well all four areas: English, Algebra, Government, and Biology.

The Superintendent reported that the Elementary School construction is going very well.

Mr. Tucker asked the Board of Trustees to plan another Open Forum for all MSD stakeholders this spring, and the Board

agreed. Topics to be discussed are:
Student Life, including dorm programs
and after school & athletic programs.

The Superintendent reported on the new development in the Family Education and the Elementary School. Teachers in these departments have been in discussions about adding an “oral track” to the curriculum. Future discussions will be held regarding this

Mr. Tucker proposed that the Board allow a waiver for one snow make up day if that day falls on a Monday.

Mr. Tucker shared with the Board members that he has nominated Dr. Nancy Grasmick, Maryland State Superintendent, for an honorary degree from Gallaudet University. He is waiting to hear Gallaudet’s decision.

The Superintendent announced that the upcoming Faupel Theatrical presentation this year is “Sleepy Hollow”.

**MSDE Department of Special
Education discussion:**

Dr. Baglin, Maryland Assistant State Superintendent spoke to The Board of Trustees with regard to MSD’s possible participation in serving deaf youth with emotional disturbances. A discussion was held on adding services and programs for this specific population. It was agreed that Dr. Baglin would collect further information and be in contact with Mr. Tucker.

**Adequate Yearly Progress
Presentation:**

Mr. Chad Baker and Ms. Nan Cronk-Walker updated the Board of Trustees on MSD assessment testing results. Discussions were held on which academic areas need improvement and strategies to implement.

Executive Committee Report: No Report.

Education Committee Report: No Report.

Fiscal Matters/Facilities Management Committee Report: No Report.

Personnel Committee Report:
Chairperson Severn reported that the Board will go into closed session later in the day to discuss personnel matters.

Student Life Committee:
Chairperson Palmer will be meeting with the Dean of Students to discuss Student Life issues and concerns.

Trusteeship Committee:
Chairperson Harriman welcomed Ms. Roslyn Hannibal-Booker to the Board of Trustees meeting. A letter will be sent to the Governor to request that Ms. Hannibal-Booker be appointed to the Board.

Accreditation Committee:
The Unity and Diversity Committee continue to meet. Ms. Laurie Yaffe resigned as representative from the Board of Trustees. Dr. John Ertel will be taking her place as representative.

No one signed up for the Open Forum.

MSD Foundation Bylaws
President Raimondo introduced Guy Palmer, Maryland School for the Deaf Foundation member. Mr. Palmer suggested some changes to the Foundations bylaws. The Board of Trustees must approve changes. Quorum was not reached, therefore no changes could be voted on.

Old Business
The Superintendent's 360° evaluation was

discussed. The Personnel Committee selected a company to do the evaluation. Suzanne Schwertman will notify the company that they have been selected, and President Raimondo and Personnel Committee Chair David Severn, along with Ms. Schwertman, will be the contacts for the company.

Principal Snavlin, chairperson for the Special Needs task force, reported on the survey of Frederick Campus parents. Mr. Snavlin spoke of strategies being implemented too ensure that the Frederick campus will be able to meet the needs of the special needs Pre-K to second grade population at that will attend the Frederick Campus of MSD in Fall 2008.

New Business

A **MOTION** was made to go into **CLOSED SESSION** to discuss a personnel matter. **SECONDED, PASSED.**

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Meeting was adjourned at 3:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anjali Desai-Margolin
Secretary